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d. claim <sup>7</sup>/~~6~~, line 1, "<sup>5</sup>/~~6~~", has been replaced with -- 1 --.

e. Drawings: The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant: -- Replacement Sheets -- will be inserted on the top each page (page 1 and page 2) of the drawing sheets.

In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

***Examiner's Statement Of Reason For Allowance***

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-4, 6 and 7 are allowed.

Regarding claim 1, the prior art of record does not teach all the combined steps for a method of testing the authenticity of a document provided with at least one optico-diffractively effective security indicium, including the step of measuring the voltage in the security indicium of said document and deriving therefrom a signal representative of different electrical conductivities; and comparing the derived signal against the stored signal; wherein the optico-diffractively effective security indicium is a hologram comprising a plurality of discontinuous metallization segments with interspersed elements responsive to electromagnetic radiation of a frequency range.